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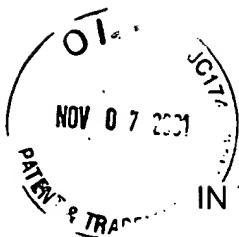
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**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES
AND SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Fig. 17 in the above-captioned application be amended to correctly show a side elevation view of Fig. 16 and to add reference number --466--. The changes are indicated in red on the attached copy of Fig. 17.

Upon approval of the proposed changes, applicant respectfully requests that the attached new formal drawings be substituted for the informal drawings currently on file.

Respectfully submitted,

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